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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number	09/887,491
Filing Date	June 22, 2001
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Art Unit	2623
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Attorney Docket No.	09792909-5051

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on July 3, 2007
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)
- b. Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated February 23, 2007 for 3 months so that the period for response is extended to August 23, 2007.
- c. Postal money order no. 10798290707 in the amount of \$ 570 is attached to cover the third-month extension fee (first and second month extensions previously paid).

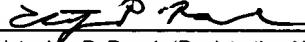
3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any discrepancies, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-3140
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other
- b. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the filing fee of \$ 790.00 (the RCE filing fee) to American Express credit card. Form 2038 is attached for that purpose.

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Dated: August 23, 2007

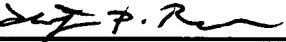

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